



CONFERENCE¹
Civil Dialogue & the European Union - Strengthening Social Cohesion
LISBON, 18-19 NOVEMBER
HOTEL ALTIS, RUA CASTILHO 11

Thursday 18 November

8.45: Welcome and registration

9.30: Opening Speeches

- *Mr Eduardo Ferro Rodriguez*, Portuguese Minister of Labour and Solidarity (to be confirmed)
- *Mr Giampiero Alhadeff*, President of the Platform of European Social NGOs

10.00: Presentation of the study carried out by the Platform of European Social NGOs on Civil Dialogue:

" The Role of Social NGOs throughout the European Union "

- Recommendations by *Mr Olivier Gerhart*, President of the Platform Working Group on Civil Dialogue
- Country reports by *Mr Xavier Dutrénit* and *Mr Nicholas Blow*, experts

10.30-10.45: Coffee Break

10.45: Examples of civil society consultation in the Member States

Chair of the session: *Mr Said Charchira*, President of the EU Migrants Forum

- Case Studies - Examples of NGO consultation in some Member States. Three examples presented by:
 - *Mr Fintan Farrell*, President of the *European Anti-Poverty Network*: Ireland.
 - *Mr Andre Jourdes*, National Secretary of *La Ligue Française de l'Enseignement et de l' Education Permanente*: France
 - *Representative of ATD Fourth World*: Belgium
- Questions on the Study

12.45: LUNCH

¹ Translation will be provided in French, English and Portuguese

14.30: Round Table: Comments on the Results of the Platform Study at the European level



Chair of the session: *Mr A. C. Jardim*, President of *Rede Europeia Anti-Pobreza*, Portugal (EAPN)

Contributions analysing the current situation by:

- *Mr Victor Melicias*, President of the *União das Misericórdias Portuguesas* and representative of the *Economic and Social Committee (ECOSOC)*
- *Mr Virgilio Dastoli*, Secretary General of the *Permanent Forum of Civil Society (FPSC)*
- *Mr Erik Carlslund*, Deputy Secretary General of the *European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)*
- *Ms Anne David*, President of the *Comité Européen des Associations d'Intérêt Général (CEDAG)*
- *Mr Kevin Walsh*, European Commission, DGV, *Employment and Social Affairs*
- *Mr Olivier Gerhard*, representative of *ATD Fourth World* to the European Union (member of the *Platform of European Social NGOs*)

16.00: Debate

16.30-16.45: Coffee Break

16.45 Round Table: Examples of NGO Consultation by the EU Institutions

Chair of the Session: *Ms Graça Vasconcellos*, *Instituto De Estudos Para O Desenvolvimento (SOLIDAR)*

Contributions analysing the current situation by:

- *Ms Marie-Françoise Wilkinson*, Vice-President of the *Platform of European Social NGOs*
- *Ms Isabel Afreixo*, Portuguese representative from the *Liaison Committee of Development NGOs (CLONG)*
- *Mrs Irune Aguirrezabal*, European Co-ordinator of the *Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC)*
- *Mr John Hontelez*, Secretary General of the *European Environmental Bureau (EEB)*

17.45: Debate

18.15: End of the session

Friday 19 November



9.30: Hearing: the Future of the Civil Dialogue in the European Union

Chair of the session: *Ms Elisa Maria Damiao*, Member of the *Committee on Employment and Social Affairs* of the European Parliament

Debate on the future of the civil dialogue in the EU with the contributions of:

- *Ms Barbara Helfferich*, Cabinet of Commissioner Diamantopoulou, responsible for Social Affairs and Employment
- *Ms Hélène Flautre*, Co-ordinator and Member of the European Parliament's *Committee on Employment and Social Affairs*, on behalf of the European Parliament
- Secretary of State from the Ministry of Labour and Solidarity
- *Mr Lucien Bouis*, President of the *Confederation of Family Organisations in the European Community (COFACE)*

12.30: LUNCH

14.00: The Civil Dialogue and the Inter-governmental Conference

Chair of the session: *Ms Lydia Zijdel*, Executive Member of *Mobility International*

- ♦ Contribution of *Mr Patrick Venturini*, Secretary General of the *Economic and Social Committee (ECOSOC)*
- ♦ Contribution of *Mr Mario Soares*, President of the *European Movement* and former President of Portugal (to be confirmed)
- ♦ Presentation of a proposal for modifying the Treaties

16.00-16.15: Coffee Break

16.15: Adoption of a common resolution

16.45: Closing Speeches by,

- ♦ Ambassador *Ms Maria de Lourdes Pintasilgo*, former member of the *Comité des Sages*
- ♦ *Mr Giampiero Alhadeff*, President of the *Platform of European Social NGOs*
